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Applicants: Howard J. Jacob, et al.
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For: RAT MODEL OF DIABETIC NEPHROPATHY
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Examiner: --

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STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Dear Sir:

Applicants request information as to the status of the above-identified case.

The case was filed July 23, 2003, and no first action has been received.

Please respond to the below-identified attorney. If a fee is needed, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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